

Dublin, Nov. 10. 1863

Dear Anne! [H.C. VV. passing]

They send of a letter enclosed in one  
to Bristol, came to hand yesterday, and  
I heard the welcome news of its arrival  
when I arrived at home last evening, very  
gladly. Lo! behold I am going to an-  
swer it immediately - among other reasons  
because I must. Yesterday was the first  
time for many a long year that the post  
from our father's household from any home  
but our. Kindly we have taken to show off  
Shakers as fit in the home of Mary Ed-  
mundson (Eliza Wyham's elder sister) and  
a capital thoroughwoman she is. She has a round  
ruddy pleasant sweet face - such as we attach  
an imagination to a pretty milkmaid, open &  
pleasant to all eyes, and as she is staunch  
for Boston she is a great favorite with us for  
that sake in her citizens. She is a flourishing  
widow - her husband was a schoolmaster of years  
to a old fellow - so that she has expended  
very pleasantly since he died. There is un-  
pardonable but it is the fact. She is an iron-  
major & far better than a preaching Smith in  
general than a fine, very beautiful ship full  
of pretty things & is very prosperous. Her brother  
Eliza Wyham, a third handman, worthy every  
fellow, live with her, and so do her five fine

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This letter is not of the end by the last account. The father says she must give  
a large portion to the cause. It is a thousand pities she should be ill.

lovely children, two boys and three girls,  
who do to me and she upon them, and  
whom she brings up in the pleasantest most  
natural way. Well, I had to go from  
home and to Mary Edwards and then  
to the Fisks, and Lydia Shackleton (my friend  
Mary's niece) and then William packed up  
the box attended by my dear wife who carried  
me papers and made herself generally useful.  
They had got off all quite victorious when I  
got home about half past 5 & despatched to  
Liverpool, to Wm. Pouch who undertakes to  
do the agency for the cause's sake. You  
have heard of Maria Webb, a cousin of ours,  
a friend of Anna Richard's son, and a bitter  
enemy of the Am. A. S. Society. She has been  
a thorn in our side this time that she has  
been to keep people from sending to Boston & to  
get them to send to Rochester instead. She  
is a great slow deliberate talker, stalks with  
her a good fair spavily water the Am. A. S.  
so that it is very hard with me to keep from  
looking out in the Kingdom of Heaven. I  
directed the Delaware things to be sent direct to  
Poughkeepsie to save the cost of transportation to Dublin  
thence to Cork. The Dublin things, so in a  
box for themselves. The women say they cost  
£26 and should sell for £82, but you will be  
the best judge. I enclose you a list and  
key. I have not yet got the Delaware money,  
but the cost of the contents will be about £26

I don't know how you will get off at the custom  
house this time - but I do not think any thing  
we could do would better the probability to  
succeed, and I would be extremely glad if we  
could run them in free. About seven  
books that I keep, I enclose some memorial  
cards to all our purchasers, and to some  
friends to say that you may have as much  
trouble to ask for them. Wendell Phillips or  
E. Quincy will help to provide the Philanthropist.  
I really think the Northeastern Lib. Paris an  
extremely curious & new book, and feel sure  
as a good Public library should buy. In  
my opinion it would be cheap at 25 dollars.  
I will be anxious to know its fate. I saw an  
Edgeworth's book bought for 6 or 7 dollars when I  
sent a copy some years ago. The present  
copy - that is, the one I have seen, is a new  
first one and the book is not at all  
common. The Martineau wants I think  
to be cheap at 10 dollars - but let what you  
can. "Get money, any how, honestly if you  
can - but at any rate, get money."

Just as I was writing this blessed morning,  
in came Belcher, <sup>promising</sup> with word that they  
had forwarded the <sup>sum</sup> of <sup>£</sup>1000 to W. P. Bowditch. He would  
the amount exceeds my order but I hope they  
will take off about 10 per cent for cash when  
the settlement comes round, & that will bring  
it down to a promise of £200 of the money  
contributed for the purchase - which as heretofore  
ranged from £20 down to 10/- The most affecting

